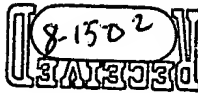


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BASED IMAGE RETRIEVAL

Examiner: Wu, J.

Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231Amendment/Reply After Final Office Action

Sir:

Enclosed is a reply in the above-identified application in response to the final Office Action dated 8 July 2002.

REMARKS

The Examiner has rejected claims 1-20 under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Sato et al. (USP 6,181,818). The Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection.

In independent claims 1 and 11, upon which claims 2-5 and 12-15 depend, the Applicant specifically recites that the characterization of each partition of the image includes measures that are *proportional* to the frequency of occurrences of a plurality of colors. For each of the colors, the characterization includes not only the fact that the color is present, but also the degree to which that color is present.

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